

U.S. Patent Application Serial No.09/635,116
Attorney Docket No. 05516.056002

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application. Further, the Applicant respectfully requests prompt action on the merits of this case, as the Applicant originally believed to have secured the allowance of these claims on March 11, 2003.

Again, the Applicant and the undersigned thank the Examiner and his colleagues for the helpful comments and suggestions made during the in person interview. The above claims are believed to reflect the suggestions made by the Examiner and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Should additional amendments be required, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expedite the allowance of this case.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

During the interview, the undersigned and the Examiner discussed previously presented claims 10-15, 25, 29, and 30. In particular, the §112 rejections of the claims were discussed. Further, the Examiner acknowledged receipt of the Applicant's 37 C.F.R. §1.131 declaration, which shows prior invention over the Chen prior art. With respect to the claims, the Examiner suggested various claim amendments, which have been included in the claims presented above. Again, the undersigned thanks the Examiner (and his colleagues, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Teska), for their thorough review of the prior art and the present application and claims.

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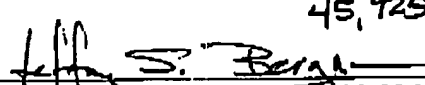
CONCLUSION

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 05516.056002).

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Respectfully submitted,

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